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ADJUSTING SUBSTRATE-PROCESSING APPARATUS, LITHOGRAPHY SYSTEM,
AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS**

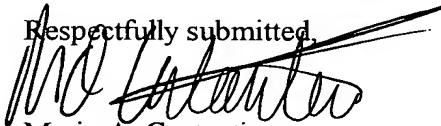
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